

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 28 – 39 have been added. The new claims are supported by the specification and drawings as filed. No new matter has been added. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 27 (canceled)

28. (New) A shotgun sling adapter configured for attachment to a shotgun having a magazine tube and a magazine tube end cap, comprising:
a grommet formed of a relatively thin, resiliently elastic material having an annular opening sized to fit around a forend of the magazine tube, the end cap retaining said grommet on said end of the magazine tube, whereby said grommet is slightly stretched to fit over said end of the magazine tube;
a sling connector coupled to said grommet, wherein the sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to said grommet, the gun sling having a first end coupled to said sling connector and a second end coupled to the shotgun.
29. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 28, wherein a thickness of said grommet allows the attachment of the magazine cap to the magazine tube with said grommet held thereinbetween.

30. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 28, wherein ~~the~~ said annular opening includes radial scoring to effectively increase said annular opening diameter to about the external diameter of the magazine tube.

31. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 28, wherein said resiliently elastic material is comprised of at least one of rubber, reinforced rubber, neoprene, nylon, plastic, denim, leather and synthetic leather.

32. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 28, wherein ~~the~~ said sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.

33. (New) The shotgun sling adapter according to claim 28, wherein ~~the~~ said sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.

34. (New) A shotgun sling adapter configured to be coupled to the forend of a magazine tube and be retained on one end by an end cap of the magazine tube, comprising:

a grommet formed of a relatively thin, resiliently elastic material having an annular opening sized to fit around the forend of the magazine tube of a shotgun and be retained by an end cap of the magazine tube;

a sling connector coupled to said grommet, wherein said sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to said grommet, the gun sling having a first end coupled to said sling connector and a second end configured to be coupled to the shotgun.

35. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 34, wherein a thickness of said

grommet allows the attachment of the magazine cap to the magazine tube with said grommet held thereinbetween.

36. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 34, wherein said annular opening includes radial scoring to effectively increase said annular opening diameter to about the external diameter of the magazine tube.

37. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 34, wherein said resiliently elastic material is comprised of at least one of rubber or reinforced rubber.

38. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 34, wherein said sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.

39. (New) The shotgun sling adapter of claim 34, wherein said sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.